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SOUTHERN STEEL PLANTS MAKE YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS

UKRAINIAN STEEL PLANT CELEBRATES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 51, 3 Mar 49

The Dneprodzerezhinsk Metallurgical Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy celebrated its 50th anniversary on 2 March 1949. During the Five-Year Plan periods, this enterprise has grown into one of the largest metallurgical plants.

The workers are successfully fulfilling the Postwar Five-Year Plan. Blast-furnace operators, steel smelters, and rolling-mill operators during 1948 exceeded the prewar production level and the technical index planned for 1950. In striving for fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan, many workers at the plant have been from the ranks. The present plant director Yozenko, Chief Engineer Maranov, head of the blast-furnace mill, Orashkin, and many others, were formerly ordinary workmen at the plant.

In the first month of 1949, the metallurgical plant has yielded a profit of 25,500,000 rubles.

UKRAINIAN LEAST FURNACE REQUIRED -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 37, 15 Feb 49

Workers of "Kirovsk's factory" in Zhdanov have completed restoration of air-cooled blast furnace No 2. The furnace will be blown in at the end of this month.

NOVOSIBIRSK STEEL PLANT SO TOT WORKING CAPITAL -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 27,
9 Feb 49

The scientific and technical conference at the Novosibirsk Metallurgical Plant decided that the plant could accelerate the turnover of working capital by 5 days in 1949 and thereby reduce the working capital by 6,150,000 rubles. This will be returned to the State.

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TRANSBAYKAL STEEL PLANT MARKS SUCCESSSES -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 19,
29 Jan 49

A meeting of Stakhanovites of the Petrovsk-Transbaykal Metallurgical Plant was held on 25 January to consider the results of operations in 1948 and problems to be met in 1949. Representatives of the "Soyuzplavik" Trust also attended the meeting. Poltoran, Director of the Metallurgical Plant, reported that the plant produced 13,000 more tons of steel in 1948 than had been planned for 1950.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 25, 6 Feb 49

The Petrovsk-Transbaykal Metallurgical Plant exceeded the January plan in continuing to operate profitably in February. The open-hearth shop fulfilled the January plan for smelting steel 109 percent and removed 5.1 tons per square meter of furnace sole instead of 3.7 tons according to the plan. The shop also decreased the smelting time by 1 1/2 hours. The rolled-metal shop fulfilled the January plan 113 percent, and expects to exceed the February plan.

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